



CITY OF CHICOPEE

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500 STUDENTS TO CLEAN UP CHICOPEE SPRING CLEANING IN THE CITY OF CHICOPEE

The City of Chicopee, Chicopee Parks Department and Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry are pleased to announce its annual City Wide Park Clean-Up and "Spring Spruce Up" event scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011. The City of Chicopee's Annual Park Clean-Up event has various youth groups in the city stepping forward and participating in numerous park clean-ups as part of Earth Day Celebration. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry is having their "Spring Spruce Up" event and has collaborated with Chicopee Schools to help beautify the city and raise funds for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

The Chicopee Parks Department and their volunteers will be cleaning several parks from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The parks to be cleaned are: Ray Ash Park, Ike Alpert Park, Szetela Park, Litwin & Williams Parks, Fairview & Preston Parks, Garrity Grove Park, Wisniowski Park, Sarah Jane Park, Rivers Park, Nash Park and Lincoln Grove.

Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and a number of Chicopee High School, Chicopee Comprehensive High School and Chicopee Academy volunteers will be beautifying the city from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at a number of sites and parks throughout the city.

In addition to these groups cleaning the city's parks; Westover Job Corps students will be volunteering their time from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. laying out mulch outside of City Hall.

"Our volunteers show their civic pride by taking a step up and working hard for these great causes," says Mayor Michael D. Bissonnette. "With their hard work and dedication, our city will be cleaner which will allow our residents to fully enjoy our parks."

SPRING SPRUCE UP AREAS - WILLIMANSETT

1. LOWER MCKINSTRY AVENUE BY I391 UNDERPASS UP THE SIDE BANKS ON HILL COMP JV SOFTBALL TEAM AROUND SWIMMING POOL
2. EDWARD BELLAMY SCHOOL GROUNDS MRS. WALLIS'S SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS TO BE DONE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
3. CHICOPEE STREET AND SARAH JANE PLAYGROUND AREA CHICOPEE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TRACK TEAM AND CHICOPEE HIGH GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAMS
4. PENDLETON AVENUE FROM BELLAMY SCHOOL DOWN SIMARD DRIVE TO MONTGOMERY STREET BELLAMY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

SPRING SPRUCE UP AREAS-CHICOPEE CENTER

1. CHICOPEE ACADEMY SCHOOLGROUNDS CHICOPEE ACADEMY STUDENTS AND STAFF
2. HOLY NAME SCHOOLGROUNDS HOLY NAME STUDENTS ,PARENTS, AND STAFF
3. OLD UNIROYAL BUILDING APRON AROUND CORNER ON FRONT STREET INCLUDING GRASSY AREA TO DUNKIN DONUTS. CHICOPEE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB STUDENTS
4. NONUTUCK STREET NEXT TO HOLY NAME SCHOOL JUST OFF SOUTH STREET HOLYOKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF
5. I391 GRASSY AREAS IN CHICOPEE CENTER HOLYOKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF
6. DANA PARK HOLYOKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

SPRING SPRUCE UP AREAS-CHICOPEE FALLS

1. LITWIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AROUND PATHWAY LEADING UP TO THE SCHOOL. BEST BUDDIES PROGRAM OF CHICOPEE HIGH SCHOOL AND CHICOPEE COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
2. LITWIN SCHOOL BASEBALL DIAMOND NANCY FENTON AND HER SOFTBALL TEAM WORKING ALSO AS PART OF PARKS DEPARTMENT CLEANUP.